

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 4	HALF DAY -Classes Dismiss 11:38 a.m. Open House 6-8:30 p.m.
Sept 14	PTA Fall Fundraiser begins
Sept 24	HALF DAY -Classes Dismiss at 11:38 Teacher Professional Development
Sept 28	PTA Fall Fundraiser ends
Oct 8-26	MEAP
Oct 23	Picture Day
Nov 29	Picture Retake Day 9-12:00 p.m.
Dec 7	Holiday Bazaar
Jan 18	PTA Spring Fundraiser begins
Feb 1	PTA Spring Fundraiser ends
Feb 14	Spring Picture Day
March 13	PTA Founders Day
April 17	Author Assembly, Jeff Stone

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LUNCH BUNCH

Every month, as a reward for student achievement or behavior, Mrs. Gourlay will have lunch with a bunch of Clippers. One lucky student from each classroom will have their name drawn from the group of students who have met the Lunch Bunch criteria for the month. The criteria, chosen by the Lakeport staff, changes

monthly, but will cover the areas of reading, math, spelling, science, good behavior and homework during the school year. ***Behavior will be the Lunch Bunch criteria for the month of September. We're looking for good work habits, cooperation and following rules.***

2007-2008 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Board of Education will meet regularly at 7:30 PM on the following dates, unless otherwise stated, in the buildings below:

September 17 Kimball Elementary School
October 15 Thomas Edison Elementary
November 19 Chippewa Middle School
December 17 Garfield Elementary School
January 21 Keewahdin Elementary School
February 11 Roosevelt Elementary School
March 17 Holland Woods Middle School
April 21 Port Huron High School
May 19 Port Huron Northern
June 16 Lakeport Elementary School

Weapons & Threats Policy

In light of recent events, the Port Huron Area School District has reviewed its policy regarding weapons and bomb or similar threats (including biological threats). School principals will be reviewing this policy with their students, but we urge you, as the parent or guardian, to also take the time to discuss this policy with your child.

It is imperative that all parents and students understand the seriousness of weapons and bomb and biological (Anthrax, etc.) threats in school. The position of the Port Huron Area School District is that a student carrying a weapon can be charged with carrying a concealed weapon and this can be determined to be a felony. Likewise, students making bomb threats, instigating a biological scare, or other similar threats may face comparable charges. The Student Code of the Port Huron Area School District allows for the following:

1. Notification of Parent
2. Referral to the proper police authorities
3. A ten day suspension
4. A recommendation for permanent expulsion

The interpretation of what constitutes a weapon can include look-alike weapons, b.b. guns, pistols, starter pistols, knives and other potentially dangerous devices. Students need to understand that possession of a weapon can include passing the weapon from one student to another, holding it for a few minutes to look it over, or putting it into a purse or book bag to hold for a friend. Any contact with a weapon constitutes possession. Bomb or other threats can include written threats or verbal threats witnessed by others. Any powdered substance being carried by a student or mailed to any school facility will be deemed as a threat.

Places where the school district has jurisdiction regarding possession of weapons or threats of bombs, biological, or similar threats include to and from school, extra-curricular activities, on school buses and during other school related activities.

This is an extremely serious problem and the school district's position is that it can lead to permanent exclusion from the educational setting.

*****IMPORTANT*****

We appreciate our parents who volunteer in classrooms, chaperone field trips, participate at our school carnival and other school functions.

This year every parent that volunteers to share their time with our Lakeport students must fill out an *Application for Volunteer/Contracted Services*. A contract will be sent home with your child and are available in the office or available on the District's website (www.port-huron.k12.mi.us). Please complete this form and send to the office ASAP. We would like to have these filled out ahead of time and filed in the office rather than waiting to fill out before events to avoid time restraints with approvals.

You are appreciated at Lakeport Elementary!

Thank You!

SPIRIT DAY

Every Wednesday is Spirit Day. We will draw names out of each grade level and if you are wearing our school colors (blue and gold) or a Lakeport shirt you will win a prize!

Remember to wear your Lakeport wear or blue and gold on Wednesdays!

BRING THEM BACK!!!!

Please return the following by September 7th:

1. **2 Emergency green cards** - make sure the back is signed and you've listed the names of 2 LOCAL emergency contacts. These are the only people we will release your child to in case of illness or emergency.
2. Main Road Only form (blue)
3. Early Dismissal Card (yellow)
4. Free and Reduced Lunch Form - Send this back even if you don't think you will qualify! If you prefer not to disclose your family income, sign the form and write "not eligible". If you need assistance filling out the form, call the office and we will be happy to help.
5. Media Release form (gold)-from time to time CPHS, Our Schools, or The Times Herald will ask to come in to do a story and take pictures. Sometimes they request last minute and it's difficult to get these forms signed quickly. This year, we're going to ask you to sign this form right away so that we can keep it on file for the school year.

6. Application for Volunteer/Contracted Services (pink)

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:05 a.m. Breakfast Begins
8:12 a.m. Students may enter the Building
8:22 a.m. Tardy Bell Rings
11:20 a.m. A.M. Kindergarten Dismissal
11:54 a.m. P.M. Kindergarten Arrival
2:55 p.m. Student Dismissal

Family Education Rights and Privacy

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, a federal legislation, affords students and their parents certain rights with respect to their education records, including the Districts directory information. This includes:

*name, address and telephone number	*date and place of birth
*program of study	*school activities
*dates of school attendance	*honors and awards
*other information such as honor roll, year	book, etc.

The District has a responsibility to disclose such information upon appropriate request. However, parents can ask that directory information on their son(s) and/or daughter(s) be withheld from public release. To do so, a letter must be sent to the building principal asking that such directory information not be given out. When students reach 18 years of age, the law transfers this right to them.

Information that is not indicated on the above list will not be given to any person or organization without a court order. Student records are sent to other schools upon the written request of either the parents of the student or the officials of the requesting school.

School Lunch Program

We encourage everyone to fill out a free/reduced lunch application. Applications were mailed home and are available in the office. Please return them promptly. If a student qualified last school year for free or reduced lunch, that qualification will continue this year until the end of September. Please get a new form turned in as soon as possible! If the student does not qualify this year, parents are responsible to pay back charges from the beginning of the year.

It is our policy to not allow students to have more than one lunch charge. Please be sure that students have lunch money daily to avoid lunch charges. Parents will be notified if there are excessive lunch charges.

PHASD Internet Permission Information

In the past, the District required a signed Acceptable Use Policy before a student was allowed access to the internet. The new policy is a reversal of the old policy. We now are granting ALL students access to the internet UNLESS parents specifically request, IN WRITING, that their child be denied such access. The students are required to follow the guidelines established in the Student Code Handbook(see excerpt below) regarding computer use. Please review these guidelines with your child. Violation will result in loss of access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action as appropriate.

Internet content is filtered as is required by the Child Internet Protection Act. Please keep in mind that with the rapid growth of content available on the internet, some inappropriate material may temporarily find its way through the filter.

The Port Huron Area School District has made computer networks, including the internet, available to all students and staff in an effort to support the District's mission and goals.

The District believes that computer technology and its use can enhance and improve learning in the classroom. Parents who do NOT want their child to have access to the internet are required to notify the building principal in writing.

The following guidelines have been established regarding the internet and other online services:

- 1) Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks, just as they are in classrooms and school hallways.
- 2) Port Huron Area School District administrators will deem what is inappropriate use of the internet and other on-line information services, and their decisions are final.
- 3) The administration, faculty, and staff of the Port Huron Area School District may deny, revoke, or suspend student access accounts for inappropriate use of the internet and other on-line information services.
- 4) The Port Huron Area School District reserves the right to review any material stored in files and may edit or remove any material which the staff, in its sole discretion, believes may be unlawful, obscene, abusive or otherwise objectionable.
- 5) Transmission of any material in violation of U.S. or state regulations, including copyrighted, threatening or obscene materials, is prohibited.
- 6) Use for commercial activities by for-profit organizations, product promotion, political lobbying or illegal activities is prohibited.
- 7) The following uses of the internet and other on-line information services are not permitted:
 - a. Sending, receiving or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - b. Using obscene language
 - c. Harassing, insulting or attacking others
 - d. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks

- e. Violating copyright laws
- f. Using another person's account and/or password
- g. Giving your account and/or password to another person
- h. Trespassing in another person's folders, work or files
- i. Intentionally wasting limited resources
- j. Employing the network for commercial purposes
- k. Divulging personal information about yourself or others to strangers.

This includes address, telephone number, credit card numbers, passwords or other confidential information.

8) Using, attempting to use, storing and/or downloading programs which by their nature, are generally used for illegal or unethical purposes. For example, software used for cracking or hacking, software used for obtaining passwords, software used to create and/or modify viruses, worms, Trojan horses, software designed to monopolize servers or network services, etc.

Violations will result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action as appropriate.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Port Huron Area School District has rules for student behavior which were designed to help maintain a healthy and safe learning environment in our schools. These rules are communicated to students at the beginning of the school year and several times thereafter. Students are expected to follow these rules and maintain good behavior while in school, on school property, on school buses, at bus stops, at school related functions (whether on or away from school grounds) and while in route to and from school and school related functions. Failure to follow school rules could result in a student being suspended or excluded from school, school busing and/or school related functions. Therefore, you are encouraged to take the time to review the school rules with your child and become familiar with them. If you have any questions regarding the school rules, please contact your school's principal.

Some student behavior is very serious (persistent disobedience and gross misdemeanors) and will result in suspension or expulsion from school and possibly from all public education in the State of Michigan. The following are examples of behavior that are considered to be gross misdemeanors:

- 1) Possession of a weapon or explosive device: A weapon includes a knife (regardless of the size of the knife; including a razor blade and look-alike knife), gun (including a b.b. gun, starter pistol and look-alike gun), club, chain or any potentially dangerous instrument. An explosive device can include any liquid, compound or object that has the potential to explode and includes a bullet, fire works and contained gasoline. Possession includes bringing to the bus stop, on the bus, while walking to or from school, in a school building, at a school related function, transferring or holding for a friend, or holding briefly to examine.
- 2) Possession, use or distribution of illicit substances: Illicit substances include illegal drugs, inhalants, alcohol, tobacco products, drug paraphernalia, caffeine pills, medication (except the possession or use of prescription medication when authorized under the District's medication policy), and fake and look-alike drugs or alcohol.
- 3) Making a verbal assault: A verbal assault is any verbal or written statement that indicates the intent to inflict harm to another person.
- 4) Making a bomb or similar threat: A bomb or similar threat is any verbal or written statement that indicates a bomb or similar object is or may be placed or may explode at or near a school building, school

bus, school staff, school grounds or school related function. Threats can be in the form of a telephone call, written statement or drawing on a bathroom wall or elsewhere, comment to staff or another student, e-mail message, Internet message, etc. The Port Huron Area School District may also discipline a student for conduct that occurs off school grounds and outside of school hours where the District determines the conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the District's discipline or education process or the safety and welfare of students or staff. DUE PROCESS

Students faced with disciplinary action are entitled to due process. This includes notice of the accusation and possible discipline and an opportunity for a meeting with the appropriate teacher or administrator. Appeals for discipline short of out-of-school suspensions can be made to the principal, who is the final level of appeal. An out-of-school suspension of 10 days or less may be imposed by the school administrator. An appeal of this decision may be requested in writing to the school principal or, if the suspending official is the building principal, to the Director of Student Services within 5 school days of the decision.

A parent may request a formal hearing if a recommendation is made for the expulsion of a student. A request for a formal hearing must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent within 10 days after receiving written notice of the recommendation. At a requested expulsion hearing, the student has the right to be present and represented by counsel, to examine evidence presented against him/her, and to present evidence on his/her behalf.

The suspension will take place immediately even if the student appeals the decision. If the appeal is upheld, the suspension will be removed from the student's record and the student will be allowed to make up work missed during the suspension.